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INDIA: Final Phase of Military Exercise

Indian military forces are winding up the large-scale Brass Tacks exercise that touched off a border crisis with Pakistan last month. [redacted] armored units leaving the Rajasthan (b)(1)
desert training areas and the final amphibious portion of the exercise beginning off the coast of Gujarat. [redacted] (b)(1)

According to US Navy reporting, at least 12 Indian warships remain in the northern Arabian Sea. [redacted] (b)(3)

Comment: Apparently in response to Pakistani concerns, the Indians relocated the principal desert maneuvering area 60 miles (100 kilometers) farther east and shortened the exercise by about a week. The maneuvers will be completed by the end of the month, with troops returning to garrison by the middle of next month. The end of Brass Tacks will probably set the stage for a final round of Indo-Pakistani border talks next month and a return to garrison of all mobilized troops on both sides. [redacted] (b)(3)

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